

PROCLAIM



Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! - 1 Chronicles 16:24

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FROM THE PASTOR



Rev. Paul Beck
Senior Pastor

Our Riches in Christ

There's a story about a man of less than modest means who longed to go on a cruise and enjoy the fresh sea air for a week. For years he kept every penny and finally had saved enough to purchase a ticket. However, knowing he could

not afford the elegant food pictured in the cruise brochure, he brought his own provisions for the week - a supply of bread and peanut butter.

The first few days of the cruise were thrilling. He spent most of his time relaxing in the sunshine. While the other passengers ate in the ship's large dining room where the food literally overflowed, he would return each night to his room and dine on a stale peanut butter sandwich. By the fifth day he couldn't stand it any no longer - even being on board the ship had lost its appeal. Finally, in desperation he stopped a porter and asked him how he might be able to eat in the dining room. He pleaded, "I'm dying for that food. I'll even wash dishes to pay for it!"

Confused, the Porter asked him, "Sir, didn't you purchase a ticket for the cruise?" "Sure," the man replied, "but the ticket alone took all the money I had.

I had nothing left to buy a meal." The Porter responded, "Didn't you realize that meals are included with your passage. You may eat as much as you like!"

Sadly, many Christians live like that man. Failing to realize the unlimited provisions that are ours in Christ, we feed on stale scraps. There is no need to live like that. Everything we could ever need was included when we boarded the gospel ship and Jesus paid our

fare in full. In Christ is every spiritual resource we will ever need.

The Apostle Paul states, "He who did not spare his own Son but

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gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us *all things*?" (Romans 8:31, italics added). If God the Father allowed His Son to face the agony of the cross; if He would take all of our sin and place it on His only Son - we must never doubt that He will also supply us with everything we need. There is no need for us to go begging when God has already made us rich in Christ.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA



A Salute to America

CHATHAM CHORAL
PATRIOTIC CONCERT

CHRIST CHAPEL
JULY 3 - 5:00 P.M.

Admission is Free!

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Rev. Thomas Crumb
Worship Pastor

WORSHIP NOTES

“Vertical Habits”

A recent issue of Reformed Worship (a monthly publication you provide for me and which I greatly appreciate reading!) was devoted to techniques for teaching what are known as Vertical Habits to congregations. As used in this context, "Vertical Habits" refer to words and attitudes that shape our relationship with God. Of particular fascination to me was an outline that aligned several essential elements of worship with some of the earliest concepts and phrases we learned as children and which we as parents and grandparents now seek to instill in our own children. The parallel is drawn between such phrases as "I love you" (Praise), "I'm sorry" (Confession), "Why" (Lament), "I'm listening" (Illumination), "Help me" (Petition), "Thank you" (Thanksgiving), "Let me help" (Service), and "Bless you" (Blessing).

“Vertical Habits’ refer to words and attitudes that shape our relationship with God.”

Though the concept of Vertical Habits may appear to be simplistic, the depth with which one may pursue and develop them in his or her life can be both challenging and profound. Thinking through and reinforcing these Vertical Habits can help both adults and children grow in their relationship with God and with each other. One of the primary reasons for thinking in these categories is to be able to link what happens in corporate worship on Sunday with daily living during the rest of the week.

G. Wright Doyle was one of the authors featured in this series of articles. He is director of China Institute, an organization that seeks to bring the gospel to Chinese people around the world. Doyle wrote a prayer of lament entitled, *Help Me Out, Lord* which touched me deeply. With his permission I am reproducing his prayer here with the hope that it will be a similar stimulus to you.

Help Me Out Lord

A prayer of lament.

by G. Wright Doyle

Help me out, Lord.

Out of resentment.

Help me see the beam in my eye, not the splinter in my brother's eye.

Help me see the beam on which the Savior died for me.

Out of confusion.

I just don't understand my life.

Why have you allowed this to happen to me?

Why have you allowed ME to happen to others?

But then I don't have to understand, do I?

Help me to see your will for me, now -

To rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;

To seek first your kingdom and your righteousness;

To love you with all my heart, soul, mind and strength;

To love my neighbor as myself;

To love as you loved me and gave yourself for me, crying,

"My God, My God why have you forsaken me?"

Out of self-pity.

I mean, really. Has anyone suffered as you did?

And you didn't even deserve it.

Help me to see beyond the painful rod of discipline, to the loving hand wielding it, and to the blows that fell upon my Savior's back, endured that I might become a beloved child.

Help me to look beyond the little thorn in my flesh to the crown of thorns piercing your kingly brow;

Beyond this momentary affliction to the eternal weight of glory purchased for me by the lash, the nails, the spear, the Cross, the tomb.

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Pete Axelson
Youth Pastor

YOUTH NEWS

Things I'm Thankful for this Summer

In the midst of ministries, trips, and family activities, my summers always fly by much too quickly. With that

in mind, please indulge me while I stop to smell the roses and pause to be thankful for the things I am blessed with this summer.

- ▶ Living close enough to the church to walk my dog Molly home for lunch 2 or 3 times a week.
- ▶ My health to be able to enjoy walking Molly.
- ▶ Speaking of Molly, the example dogs give us of true unconditional love.
- ▶ And speaking of walks, I'm thankful for every opportunity I will get to take walks while occasionally pausing to hit a little white ball. Especially when it's with my son Caleb.
- ▶ That I'm still able to hit said little white ball a few less times than Caleb.
- ▶ Living just a couple of miles from the beach.
- ▶ Good Christian authors who will continue to challenge me in my faith, and engage my mind towards spiritual truths while I'm at the beach.
- ▶ One on one, and one on two meetings with the youth in preparation for our mission trip.
- ▶ Youth getting ready to attend our trip with available, obedient, servant hearts.
- ▶ The chance to get to know other Christian youth and leaders from Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and North Dakota while on our trip.
- ▶ How God gave us funny sounding accents to

laugh at each other over.

- ▶ The amazing way that God always seems to provide just enough funds to cover our trips.
- ▶ For faithful Christ Chapel prayer warriors using their Onancock cards and lifting us up in prayer.
- ▶ Faithful servants who actually enjoy organizing other peoples unwanted junk to help us hold amazingly successful yard sales.
- ▶ Our new day of hospitality ministry.
- ▶ The incredible joy and hilarity of watching a bunch of 5 and 6 year olds converge on a soccer ball all at once (Anna's soccer games).
- ▶ The great fun I had while coaching Caleb's soccer team.
- ▶ That a couple of the boys on Caleb's team recognized me as the guy who leads V.B.S. at that big church in Centerville.
- ▶ A faithful wife who organizes us and gets us ready for V.B.S. each year.
- ▶ College and Career types who are willing to come to my summer Sunday School and learn about life long principles to help them manage their finances from a biblical perspective.
- ▶ Parents willing to open their homes up to a bunch of teenagers to host our Summer House Parties.
- ▶ God's love for me, a sinner, saved by His grace.

Hoping this has helped you to stop and smell the roses of your summer too.

Pastor Pete



FROM THE PASTOR - CONTINUED

Our Riches in Christ - Continued from pg. 1

The Apostle Peter writes, "His divine power has granted to us *all things* that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3; italics added). Peter calls to our attention that God is extravagantly generous and His gifts are freely given. Furthermore, once the gift has been given, it is never taken away.

What spiritual riches do you feel you are missing because of a shortage on your part? By His power, God has already given you everything you need to live

a life that is pleasing to Him. You don't have to live the Christian life wondering if there is more you still need. Ephesians 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." You don't have to survive any longer on stale scraps. You can enjoy, in Christ, everything God has freely given.

Because of Calvary,
Pastor Paul

WORSHIP NOTES - CONTINUED

~ Help Me Out Lord - Continued from Page 2 ~

Out of remorse and guilt for my inexcusable sins
against your merciful majesty.

"The remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the
burden of them is intolerable..."

What was going through my twisted mind, that I
should act that way?

What vile poison infests my sin-soaked soul, that I should
so brazenly violate your holy laws, and so frequently -
even constantly - flout your clear commands?

How could I so treat the one who has made me, saved
me, come to dwell in me?

How could I so mistreat those who are made in your
image, bought with your blood, destined for your
glory?

Help me to see beyond my horrible crimes to your holy
compassion;

Beyond my guilt to your grace;

Beyond my sin to your salvation;

Beyond my wickedness to the wealth of your mercy;

Beyond the death that I deserve to the death that you
died;

Beyond the Father's righteous wrath to the love of
Calvary;

Beyond my weakness to the power of the resurrection.

Help me to look to Jesus, my merciful and faithful
High Priest, who even now intercedes for me,
whose prayers offered in the Spirit, are always heard
by the Father.

Help me out Lord.

As you helped Abraham, and Isaac, and devious Jacob;
Joseph and his dastardly brothers;

Moses, Aaron, and the disobedient children of the
Exodus'

Samson the judge and Samson the condemned prisoner;
David the sweet singer and David the seductive sinner;
Righteous Daniel in the lions' den; renegade Jonah in
the belly of the great fish;

Holy Hezekiah on his bed of sickness; unholy
Manasseh in a Babylonian prison;

Peter walking on the waters; Peter sinking under the
waves through unbelief;

Paul in prison; Paul in prison; Paul in prison...

Faithful Paul with his thorn;

Sinful Paul who confessed;

"I know that in me, that in my flesh dwells no good
thing;"

And who confessed again;

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus."

Help me out, Lord.

As you have so many times before.

Thank you, Lord. Again.

*G. Wright Doyle (civirginia@nexet.net) is director of
China Institute, an organization that seeks to bring the
gospel to Chinese people around the world.*



COMING IN JULY

Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, July 15 - 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to vote upon the following motion of the Missions Committee and approved by the Elder Board:

"Christ Chapel will provide \$43,200.00 from its Missions Fund to The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) in Wheaton, IL for the Reconciliation Church in Krasnodar, Russia for the purpose of purchasing land in the Krasnodar area with the provision that TEAM Russia Ministry Area Leader, who is currently Paul Hedgepeth, will oversee and approve the purchase of the land, and that the land, and any future construction on the land is for the primary use by the Reconciliation Church for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



FREE Family Concert
A Salute to America
with
The Chatham Chorale & Stage Band
Tuesday, July 3 at 5 p.m.
at Christ Chapel, Centerville

Y Fest Concert THIRD DAY

Wednesday, July 11 - 7:00 p.m.

Plymouth Memorial Hall

Tickets & Info at www.yfest.org

COMING IN AUGUST



Christ Chapel Church Family Picnic & Baptism

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's annual Church Picnic & Baptism!

Sunday, August 5, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Baptism at 6 p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Park, Hyannis
(or at Christ Chapel - if it rains!)

Please bring your family, friends and beach chairs plus a salad or desert to share! Christ Chapel will provide the rest. Watch for details coming later this month in your bulletin and online at www.christchapelcapecod.org.



Baptism Class

For those interested in being baptized on August 5 there will be a required baptismal class on Sunday, July 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Ministry Fair Sunday, August 12


Learn about and sign up for Fall-Spring Small Groups at the Ministry Fair.

There are many additional ways you can get connected, invest your talents, make new friends and help advance the Kingdom of God at Christ Chapel.

The Ministry Fair is a great place to discover what opportunities best fit your schedule, interests, gifts and passions.

Whether you have a lot of free time or just a little, the Small Groups and ministries at Christ Chapel greatly value you and your participation!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15	2 Christian Ed - 7 pm	3 Chatham Chorale Patriotic Concert - 5-6 pm	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Choir - 7-9 pm	6 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Ellen Gage ◆ Edith MacGregor ◆ Caleb Axelson ◆ Margaret Boles	7 Softball - 6:15 pm
8 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 Sr. High Missison Trip - Onancock, Virginia Depart Sunday @ 6 Stuart & Sindia Foster	9 Missions - 7 pm	10 Stephen Ministry - 6 pm Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm Trustees - 7 pm Home School Support - 7 pm ⌘ Bob & Virgie Wakefield	11 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm Y Fest Third Day Concert 7 pm - Plymouth Mem. Hall ◆ Benjamin McGuire	12 Choir - 7-9 pm	13 Man to Man - 6 am G-Force Camp Out - 6 pm	14 G-Force Camp Out ends 10 am Softball - 6:15 pm
15 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 Sr. High Missison Trip Return	16 Sandwich Small Grp - 6:45 pm	17 Yarmouth Small Group - 7 pm	18 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm	19 Choir - 7-9 pm	20 Man to Man - 6 am	21 Softball - 6:15 pm
Congregational Business Meeting & Scott Curley	◆ George Glazer	◆ Alexandria Hapenny	◆ Jackie Hapenny ◆ Irene Morrison ◆ Warren Appleton	26 Choir - 7-9 pm	27 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Bob Wakefield	28 Softball - 6:15 pm ◆ Rachel Holzman
22 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 Dr. Stan Alababy Jr./Sr. High House Party Dahls - 4-7 pm	23 ◆ Russell Boles	24 Mert's Bible Fellowship Mid-Summer Meeting 7:30 a.m. Hyannis Small Group - 7 pm Mashpee Small Group - 7 pm ◆ Stephen McGuire	25 Jr./Sr. High Canobie Lake Park Trip Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm	26 Choir - 7-9 pm	27 Man to Man - 6 am ◆ Bob Wakefield	28 Softball - 6:15 pm ◆ Rachel Holzman
29 Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:15 Jr./Sr. High House Party Meles - 4-7 pm	30 Vacation Bible School - 9-11:30 a.m. - Through 8/3	31 Elders - 7 pm	Rejoice with those who are celebrating! ◆ Birthdays ⌘ Anniversaries	 <p>Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! ~ Psalm 33:12 ESV</p>		

JULY 1

Hope for Exiles
Dare to Be Different
 1 Peter 1:13-25

Sunday @ 6

Stephen & Laura Payne
Wycliffe Bible Translators

JULY 8

Hope for Exiles
A Holy Nation
 1 Peter 2:1-12

Sunday @ 6

Stuart and Sindia Foster
SIM - Mozambique

JULY 15

Hope for Exiles
Using Freedom Wisely
 1 Peter 2:13-25

Sunday @ 6

Congregational Business Meeting
Scott Curley
Christian Associates Intl. The Hague, Netherlands

JULY 22

Morning & Sunday @ 6
Dr. Stan Allaby
Former Pastor, Blackrock Congregational Church, Fairfield, CT

JULY 29

Hope for Exiles
Marital Peace Behind Closed Doors
 1 Peter 3:1-7

Sermons Online

Sunday morning sermons are available to play or download and as Podcasts at christchapelcapecod.org.

Book Review: *The Divine Conspiracy*

An exciting new book has been added to our church library, entitled "The Divine Conspiracy" by the renowned author, Dallas Willard.

Richard J. Foster, in his forward writes: "The Divine Conspiracy is the book I have been searching for all my life. Like Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling, it is a masterpiece and a wonder. It presents God as real and present and ever reaching out to all humanity. It helps me see that the teachings of Jesus are intelligent and vital and intently practical." He writes, "Jesus is not just nice, he is brilliant. No one I have read so effectively penetrates to the heart of Jesus' teaching."

Willard's discussion of the "Beatitudes", for instance, is simply stunning, upsetting many of our common notions of this famous passage. The entire book is well worth that discussion alone. Many of the words and phrases which we may often pass over without thinking, he is able to amplify and show their importance.

This book reminds us of many things that we in the Church agree with from the words of Jesus, yet simply do not do what he said. For example, making disciples or apprentices of Jesus. We do not even seriously attempt it. Willard relates this to the "weakened effect on Christianity by the world today." So he goes on to provide a curriculum for teaching this essential knowledge and attitude.

He talks about the primary function of much of our present Christian teaching on admittance to heaven, with very little impact on life here and now, which he calls "consumer Christianity" and "bumper sticker faith." And when we stop to think about it, isn't it only

too true? He brings in the Biblical concept that God's Kingdom is being built on Earth here and now. Wow!

I was amazed that there were 400 pages of sound Bible doctrine, in which almost every sentence had to be underlined or circled for future reference and

"...much of our present Christian teaching is for admittance to heaven, with very little impact on life here and now"

blessings.* Although it is very readable, may I suggest that we should not try to skim through it, but rather slowly soak up the joy of an expanded knowledge of God and His Will and Word.

~ Warren Appleton

* EDITORS NOTE: *You'll find the library copy of "The Divine Conspiracy" virtually unmarked, and appreciate you leaving it that way if you borrow it! If you do wish to underline or circle for future blessings, we encourage you to purchase a personal copy of "The Divine Conspiracy".*

Volunteer Needed!

Are you somewhat technically savvy? Do you have spare time during the week or weekend?

The Sound Room has a need for a volunteer to make copies of sermons on CDs and cassette tapes. Help is only needed when there are a number of copies that need to be made. Training will be provided.

If you can help, please contact Ed Cochran or the church office. Thanks so much!



Be Part of *Proclaim!*

Interested in being part of Christ Chapel's *Proclaim!* newsletter? Do you have ideas you'd like to share or material you'd like to contribute? We want to hear from you! While we may not be able to incorporate all ideas and submissions, we value your contribution!

Simply contact Elayne Brigham in the church office with your ministry updates, testimonies, poems, photos, etc. *Thanks!*

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue:
July 15, 2007**

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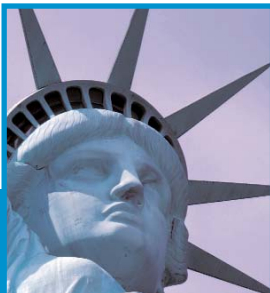
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*"...where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom"*

~ 2 Corinthians 3:17 ESV